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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Middleburg Town Hall in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Middleburg, Virginia, located at 10 W Marshall Street, Middleburg, Virginia 20118.

The funding would be used for a new Town Hall that will provide multiple economic and community development benefits, to include: at least 4 public meeting rooms for use by the broad community, including not-for-profits, small businesses, and government agencies; Council Chambers large enough to host small business seminars, workforce development events, and other business development activities; and adequate space to house our Director of Business Development and Community Partnerships, whose primary focus is the growth, retention, and success of our small businesses. In addition, the project will include two separate public open space park areas, which fulfills another goal of the Comprehensive Plan.

These efforts achieve key community development goals that are otherwise challenging to implement in a small Town with limited available land. The new Town Hall will incorporate significant sustainable elements, to include: locally-sourced and renewably-sourced materials; LED lighting on timers and sensors; low-flow fixtures; energy-efficient HVAC design; permeable parking design; and key stormwater improvements to ensure complete treatment of stormwater in both quantity and quality. The project is the result of years of study and effort to understand the best way to facilitate efficient operations, to provide more public gathering space, and to better serve the public. The Town Office has only one public meeting room, which serves as the Council Chambers, conference room, break room for staff, and public gathering space. There are no other public meeting spaces in the building. The Town has also had to conduct mold remediation three times in the past 8 years to resolve moisture and mold issues in the building. Finally, there are ADA limitations in the current space due to the age of the building and lack of space to add certain accommodations.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Wexton Member of Congress

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